

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-10, 13-22, 26-36, 40-42 and 46-50 are rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Luciani (US Pat No. 6,331,984). This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least those reasons stated in the previous response.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended the currently pending claims in accordance with the allowable subject matter indicated by the examiner on page 17 of the 7/21/05 Office Action. New claims 54-56 have also been added, and are believed to be allowable per the examiner's indication of allowable subject matter indicated by the examiner on page 17 of the 7/21/05 Office Action.

Because the presently pending claims are believed to be allowable in their present form for at least the reasons stated above, many of the examiner's rejections in the Office Action have not been addressed in this response. However, applicant respectfully reserves the right to respond to one or more of the examiner's rejections of claims 1, 6-10, 13-22, 26-36, 40-42 and 46-50 during prosecution in one or more continuation applications.

Claims 1, 3-25, 35, 37-40, 42-45, 52-56 are presently pending in the application and are believed to be allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP


Dean E. Wolf
Reg. No. 37,260

P.O. Box 70250
Oakland, CA 94612-0250